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E.O. 11652: XGDS1  
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM  
SUBJ: BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON IL 1091

REFS: A) PARIS 18720 (NOTAL) B) PARIS 17460

1. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS USDEL CONTINUED HIS RE-SERVE ON BELGIAN PROPOSAL AT SPECIAL COCOM MEETING 6/24. BELGIAN DEL THEN MADE STATEMENT IN LINE WITH WHAT HE HAD INDICATED EARLIER TO USDEL WOULD BE THEIR COURSE OF ACTION. (SEE REFTEL A). HIS AUTHORITIES HAD DECIDED TO WITHDRAW THEIR REQUEST FOR A SIX-MONTH EXEMPTION FROM IL 1091 COVERAGE, HE SAID. INSTEAD THEY WOULD SUBMIT WITHIN THREE WEEKS AN URGENCY EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR FROM 8 TO 10 MACHINE TOOLS FOR ROMANIAN END USERS. THEY WOULD INVOKE THE PROVISIONS OF PARA 1(D) OF REG (77)1 AND ASK FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE PLIGHT OF BELGIUM'S ECONOMY AND IT'S MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY. RATHER THAN PROVIDE SPECIFIC END USER INFORMATION, WITH REGARD TO EACH MACHINE TOOL, (WHICH THEY BELIEVED STILL NECESSITATED COMMERCIAL CONFIDENTIALITY), THEY WOULD PROVIDE A LIST OF ALL POTENTIAL END USERS WITH WHICH

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SALES NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED. IN THIS WAY, HE SAID, HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR A STRATEGIC EVALUATION OF THEIR REQUEST WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING THE BELGIANS FIRMS FROM UNDUE COMPETITION. WHILE THERE WAS SOME FLEXIBILITY REGARDING DEADLINES, HE SAID, HIS AUTHORITIES RESERVED THE RIGHT TO FIX AN ABSOLUTE DEADLINE AND

TO MAKE THEIR OWN FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING THESE EXPORTS.

2. CHAIRMAN, GERMAN DEL AND USDEL THANKED BELGIAN DEL FOR HIS COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE ON THIS SENSITIVE QUESTION. GERMAN DEL ALSO STATED FOR RECORD HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPLORE ANY THREAT OF UNILATERAL ACTION REGARDING THE COCOM EMBARGO.

3. COPY OF RECORD OF DISCUSSION BEING POUCH TO PRACHT AND WALINSKY AND KRATZ.

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